



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Peggy E. Hellberg

Serial No.: 10/694,309 (Conf. #3568)

Filed: October 27, 2003

For: HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS
FOR TREATING DEGENERATIVE
DISEASES OF THE EYE

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE
ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Fay, Z.

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed September 28, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was December 28, 2004.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to January 28, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon, Inc. Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.